

REMARKS

In this response, applicant elects the claims in Group I, specifically, claims 13-54. Claims 55-62 have been withdrawn. Pending claims are 13-54. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of the pending claims.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has asserted a restriction requirement to the invention under 35 USC § 121 to one of the following groups:

I. Claims 13-54.

II. Claims 55-56.

III. Claims 57-62

In response, Applicants have elected the claims in Group I, specifically, claims 13-54 and withdrawn the non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the claims if it is ultimately shown that the inventions claimed in groups I-III are not shown to be distinct.

Priority

The reference to prior applications has been amended to accurately reflect that US Patent App. 09/884,745 issued as US Patent No. 6,743,007.

If any additional fees are due in this matter, please
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Respectfully submitted,

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